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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7522

BILL NUMBER: SB 515

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Same Day Voter Registration.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lanane

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill permits a voter to register at the polls by completing a voter registration form and an affirmation that the person has not voted elsewhere in the election and by providing proof of residence. The bill specifies the documents acceptable as proof of residence, including a statement signed by another voter in the precinct that corroborates the residency of the person registering to vote. The bill requires that voter registration forms executed at the polls be processed in the same manner as other registrations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* The Election Commission would be required to produce a voting affirmation statement. The statement would describe that a person registering to vote on election day had not voted at another precinct that election day. Additionally, the Election Division would be required to develop a standardized coding system to classify day-of-election registration documents to be placed in the county voter registration system. These provisions would have a minimal impact on the Commission's and the Division's expenditures.

Background- The Indiana Election Division reverted \$23,000 to the General Fund at the end of FY 2008.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* Under the bill, county election boards and precinct election boards would require an increase in administrative time necessary to meet the additional responsibilities to

register persons and ensure they vote on the day of election.

Counties would need to provide precincts with enough registration forms, affirmation forms, regular ballots (in optical scan counties), and provisional ballots in order to meet the potential demand of day-of-election registration and voting. In those counties using optical scan equipment, this condition may require additional ballots to be purchased in future elections. Direct recording electronic voting system counties would require minimal additional expenditure with respect to regular ballots.

Ballot cost- Ballot costs depend on the contract in place between the county and vendor. However, optical scan ballots average \$0.30 to \$0.32 per ballot.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission; Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards; Precinct election boards.

Information Sources: Indiana State Budget Agency: *FY 2008 Close-Out General Fund Reversion Summary*.

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